

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

U.S. Application of:

Eiichi YOSHIDA

For:

CONTROL DEVICE AND CONTROL METHOD

FOR NETWORK-CONNECTED DEVICE

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated February 1, 2001, which provides for a response period ending May 1, 2001.

In accordance with the most recent rule changes, a complete set of pending claims, in clean form, are presented herein. Also, an Appendix entitled "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made," showing the current amendments to the claims is attached hereto.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: